

NRDs so it is not going to be just that particular district that is paying for it, I am sure of that, in the first place. In the second place, you say that private enterprise might take it over and put it on the tax rolls. I don't see what is so wrong about that. I don't know how big the lake is. I am not prepared to vote on it or at least for it because I don't know how big the lake is, what the acquisition is. I don't think anyone is charging 2.2 million dollars for just a lake. There must be something else on there besides just a lake. I don't know what the project is, how big it is, how many houses are on it now. What the whole proposition is. No one has explained it. You just said there is 2.2 million dollars they are going to pay for it plus \$56,000 from the Game and Parks Commission. I am just not prepared to go and I am not questioning the fact they probably need a recreation in Omaha. It is just that there's nothing been explained here. It is kind of like the ERA amendment. You put a resolution up and you can't vote against motherhood and then all of a sudden you find out you voted wrong. And I am just not prepared to vote on it in that way.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, and colleagues, I usually support Omaha, I think, in the justifiable demand to increase their recreational areas. They just don't have enough in the eastern area. Under one condition that they do not take valuable agricultural land. This particular spot I believe has already been zoned for residential area so I don't think it is an issue whether they would take that agricultural land or not. I have two questions to Senator Newell if he would yield. Senator Newell. Senator Newell, has any competent agency made a check on the safety of the dam? That dam was built by some kind of a private company and I most certainly would like to know whether that dam is a safe dam.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right, the situation on the checking of the dam, the Water Resources District or the State Board of Water Resources inspected the dam last January, last December, and found the structure in good shape. Now there is some water erosion and so forth along the sides of the facility which they are going to inspect again.

SENATOR GEORGE: The dam is considered safe by a qualified agency?

SENATOR NEWELL: Right. Now the one thing that, and the thing that we were talking about earlier, Senator George, is a situation with the Corp of Engineers which because of the situation that the dam is upstream from a large urban area has declared this as one of those dams that must be looked at, because if it ever should break, they are not talking about the structure. The Corp of Engineers has not looked at the structure to determine, but if it ever should break, it has the potential of damaging property and so forth, but the structure itself is not in question. Only its location is in question.

SENATOR GEORGE: I would just like to have it on record, Senator Newell, that if the state through the Game and Parks Commission would ever take that over as a recreational area with a dam, that we are absolutely sure that